plan schedules will then be prepared and process of land acquisition initiated. It is too early to indicate the likely date for inviting bids for the project.

Unconstructed NHs in Himachal Pradesh

2059.SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain length of the National Highways still remains unconstructed in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposals submitted by Himachal Pradesh Government for the year 2008-09 are pending with the Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up based on traffic needs, condition of road, interse priority and availability of funds.

(c) to (e) One proposal regarding widening to two lane and strengthening of National Highway - 21A from Km 49.0 to Km 66.275 of Nalagarh-Swarghat Section in Himachal Pradesh amounting to Rs.2273.40 lakhs received in 2008-2009 is being sanctioned.

Avoiding profiteering of toll road concessionaries

2060.SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the manner in which Government is ensuring that Toll road Concessionaries do not profiteer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): The projects undertaken on Public-Private-Partnership basis in Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) mode are governed by the terms and conditions of the concession Agreement. The Model Concession Agreement (MCA) provides for in-built safeguards which include provisions for revenue sharing linked to traffic. The Concession Agreement also provides for decrease in concession period in case of actual average Traffic exceeding the Target Traffic subject to certain stipulations. The Concession Agreement also has provision for termination if the average daily traffic exceed the designed capacity subject to certain stipulations.

Projects in A.P.

2061.SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AMD HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: